

**District III Advisory Board Minutes**  
**December 3, 2008**  
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The District III Advisory Board meeting was held at 7 p.m. at the Wichita Water Center at 101 E Pawnee. Nine District Advisory Board members were in attendance; 10 City staff and 13 members of the public were present.

**Members Present**

Teresa Cook  
Judy Dillard  
Charlotte Foster  
Jim Gulick  
Joann Hartig  
Paula Hearn  
John Kemp  
Dustin Richey  
Billie Tucker

**Members Absent**

DeWayne Kitchen  
Bill Ward  
Council Member Jim Skelton

**Staff Present**

Officer Maria Anderson, Patrol East  
Division Chief Mike Menges, WFD  
Shawn Mellies, Public Works Engineering  
Larry Hoetmer, Park and Rec  
John D'Angelo, Arts and Cultural Services  
Chris Molina, WFD  
Randy Stone, WFD  
Mark Cowel, WFD  
Chief Ron Blackwell, WFD  
Janet Johnson, Neighborhood Services

**Guests**

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

At 7 p.m. DAB member **Judy Dillard** called the meeting to order. The meeting minutes from Nov. 5, 2008, were approved **9-0**.

**PUBLIC AGENDA**

**Scheduled items**

No items

**Non-Scheduled items**

No items

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Community Police Report**

**Officer Maria Anderson, 33 Beat Patrol East**, there had been a neighborhood meeting in the 32 Beat regarding the Padrone Club (located in District 1) and the problems seem to have decreased, but police and neighbors will continue to work together on any issues that come up. She reported there have been no calls to the Jump Off Club in the 33 beat since the club's opening, but police will continue to monitor. Graffiti and inoperable vehicles continue to be issues in the 33 Beat. **Officer Anderson** encouraged citizens to call in graffiti when they see it. She also reported that on

the 36 beat there has been an increase in aggravated assaults and robberies at the Chalet Apartments. She said police from Patrol East are happy to attend any neighborhood association meetings and present information on forgeries, fraud and crime prevention.

### **Wichita Fire Department Report**

**Division Chief Mike Menges** reported during the month of November, Fire made 441 calls in District 3. He said there were four significant fires totaling around \$65,000 in damage. Two of the fires were accidental and two were intentional and set by juveniles.

**Chief Menges** encouraged everyone to check out the City Channel 7 for the segment on the water rescue team. He said the team recently conducted a rescue of seven people in Argonia, Kansas, after a civilian died trying to save the people. He said it took the team around 30 minutes to execute the rescue from the time of arrival.

He also shared that construction of Station 22 at Denker and Hydraulic is going well.

**Joann Hartig** asked if the fire that occurred on South Main was intentional. **Chief Menges** said yes.

**Action: Receive and file.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Chapin Park Phase 1 design**

**Larry Hoetmer, Park and Recreation**, presented information on the design for Phase 1 of Chapin Park. Chapin. He said the DAB and Design Council have already approved the design, but the Park Department wanted to bring it back one last time before it went out for bid. The park is located near MacArthur and Hydraulic. Planned improvements call for an entrance drive with parking facilities, a dog park, radio controlled airplane facility, shade pavilions, mountain biking trail, walking trails and pathways. The Capital Improvement Program in the amount of \$700,000 provides funding in 2008, and Director Doug Kupper is trying to secure an additional \$140,000.

**Hoetmer** said the park will have some special features such as specifically designed pavilions that won't disturb the former landfill. He also reported they hope to send the project out for bid the first of the year.

**Charlotte Foster** said she was happy to hear they will be planting buffalo grass because it requires less mowing. **Judy Dillard** asked if it is hard to get started. **Hoetmer** said it does well, but sometimes you won't see the desired results until the second year and pointed out it is a native grass.

**Judy Dillard** asked what kind of surface will be on the path. **Hoetmer** said chipped limestone.

**Gary McMillin, 2626 S. Fern**, asked how many acres are in the park. **Hoetmer** said approximately 160.

Several members of the airplane club were present at the meeting and **Hoetmer** acknowledged them and said they have worked closely with the City throughout the design process. The park will also feature a mountain bike path gear toward beginner and medium experienced riders.

**Teresa Cook** wanted to know how the dog excrement will be handled in the dog park. **Hoetmer** said there will be features in the park to address that issue.

**John Kemp** asked if the mountain bike riders will interfere with the airplane club. **Hoetmer** said no, the path barely clips the fly zone and the current design is actually better than the earlier one in addressing that issue. **Kemp** wanted to know when they will be able to get started on the construction work. **Hoetmer** said they hope to be started by late winter/early spring.

**Judy Dillard (Kemp) made a motion to approve the design.**

**Action: Motion passed 9-0.**

**Petition to pave New Jersey Drive, between Valley Forge and George Washington Boulevard and to pave Bunker Hill, between Brandywine and George Washington Boulevard**

**Shawn Mellies, Public Works Engineering**, presented a street paving petition which represents 19 of 28 (68%) resident owners and 50% of the improvement district area. The estimated project cost is \$550,000 with \$532,168 assessed to the improvement district and \$17,832 paid by the City. The method of assessment is a square foot basis. The estimated assessment to individual properties is \$0.42 per square foot of ownership. The City share is for the cost of intersection construction. The funding source for the City share is General Obligation bonds.

**Charlotte Foster** wanted to know how this project would tie in with other recent paving projects in the area. **Mellies** said it would basically finish it off. **Foster** then wanted to know if the ditches would remain; she said the residents like their ditches. **Mellies** said he wasn't sure how much residents like the ditches, but eliminating them and installing a storm sewer would result in an astronomical cost for residents, so the ditches will remain.

**Chris Hamilton, 2901 S. George Washington Blvd.**, said she had a signed petition of residents who were against the paving project, and she also presented a map that corresponded with her petition.

**Carey Jost, 6534 S. Osage**, challenged the validity of the petition that was presented by Public Works because he said the map reflects that he signed the petition, when in fact he did not.

**Judy Dillard** said it sounded like there was a problem and asked **Mellies** if those who objected could file a protest petition. **Mellies** said no, that a protest petition could only be filed on a project that was "ordered in" and he said he hasn't heard from any of the citizens in the neighborhood, other than those who were present at the DAB meeting.

**Roderick Hamilton, 2901 S. George Washington Blvd.**, said these are hard economic times and tricking the public into doing a project like this is not good. He said he thinks the process should be fair and just and the City should do the right thing and not move forward with the project.

**Judy Dillard** explained that City staff cannot legally do that as the process is governed by State statute.

**Chris Hamilton** said the man who carried the petition actually called her and threatened her.

**Joann Hartig** asked if the person who owns nine properties and the person who owns 18 properties had been contacted. **Hamilton** said the person who owns nine properties admitted to signing the petition, but the person who owns 18 said she did not sign.

**Teresa Cook (Kemp)** made a motion to defer the item until such time Council Member Skelton returns.

**Action: Motion passed 9-0.**

#### **Design Council Advisory Board and Review Process**

**Tim Austin, citizen chairman of the Design Council, and John D'Angelo, Director of Arts and Cultural Services**, presented a Powerpoint and reviewed the revised Design Review Process and Consultant Guidelines.

**Austin** said the Council was the brain child of former City Manager Chris Cherches and was formed in 1999.

**Teresa Cook** said she heard there were going to be changes and renovations made for a 20-block area around the arena. **John D'Angelo** said there will be a number of significant changes downtown including some one-way streets becoming two-ways and turning Waterman Street into a Boulevard.

**Elena Ingle, 3608 Meadow Lane**, said she doesn't care for the design of the pedestrian bridge near the Keeper of the Plains because it blocks the view of the Keeper. **D'Angelo** said that bridge has actually helped with attracting visitors to the Indian Center.

**D'Angelo** said he would be happy to take the DAB members on a tour of the Arena, or any other cultural locations they are interested in.

**Action: Receive and file.**

### **BOARD AGENDA**

#### **Updates, Issues and Reports**

CDBG grant review committee: several DAB members have already served on this committee and no one new volunteered for this year, so **Judy Dillard** agreed to serve for another term.

**Charlotte Foster** said she feels sorry for the people who are going to be displaced from their homes due to the new TIF District.

**Joann Hartig** announced South Central will not be holding their monthly meetings in December.

**John Kemp** reported he has a representative from KDHE coming in on Dec. 16 to tour two C&D landfill sites. He also reported that the K-15 area has the lowest crime rate in the city.

**Judy Dillard** shared that she is hopeful about the 47<sup>th</sup> Street project, based on news coverage she saw of President Elect Obama's meeting with the governors. She said he is looking for project that are already designed and are ready for construction. The KDOT design should be complete this spring, she said.

**Jim Gulick** reported the sidewalks have been poured at the park at Mt. Vernon and Bluff.

**Dustin Richey** said the South City group recently held a workshop to identify and prioritize projects/issues in their neighborhood. They are 1. The Railroad overpass 2) increase staffing for public safety and neighborhood code enforcement and 3) increase home ownership

**Teresa Cook** reminded everyone about the South Central Historical Tour.

**Billie Tucker** reported that Friendship Park now has two new lights that have really made a difference. Also, prior to the DAB meeting, he attended an awards ceremony for the Friendship Camp where Officer Justin Whyte received an award for his role in the camp.

**Action: Receive and file.**

**Meeting was adjourned.**

The next regularly scheduled meeting for District Advisory Board III will be held at 7 p.m., January 7, 2009, at the Water Center at 101 E. Pawnee.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Johnson, Neighborhood Assistant – District III

**Guests**

Elena Ingle	3608 Meadow Lane
Tim Austin	
Carey Jost	6534 S. Osage
Roderick Hamilton	2901 S. George Washington Blvd.
Chris Hamilton	2901 S. George Washington Blvd.
Loren Tregellas	5620 S. Mead
Darwin Hawkins	837 N. Brook forest, Derby
David Wise	3112 Aloma
Scott Gage	2900 S. Oliver
Terry Dobson	1915 Glen Oaks
Gary McMillin	2626 S. Fern
Celia Cordova	2900 S. Oliver
James Barfield	